

**To:** Ostrander, David[Ostrander.David@epa.gov]  
**From:** Mylott, Richard  
**Sent:** Tue 10/27/2015 8:23:53 PM  
**Subject:** RE: AP (DDL 2pm Eastern today): Upper Animas remediation proposal

Feel free to weigh in more explicitly... Not sure what your perspective on this is, but this answer seems lacking.

**From:** Ostrander, David  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2015 2:12 PM  
**To:** Jenkins, Laura Flynn  
**Cc:** StClair, Christie; R8 GKM Leadership Team; Deitz, Randy; Cohen, Nancy; Bassler, Rachel; Grantham, Nancy; Mylott, Richard  
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Thanks

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On Oct 27, 2015, at 2:54 PM, Jenkins, Laura Flynn <[Jenkins.Laura@epa.gov](mailto:Jenkins.Laura@epa.gov)> wrote:

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On Oct 27, 2015, at 2:26 PM, Jenkins, Laura Flynn <[Jenkins.Laura@epa.gov](mailto:Jenkins.Laura@epa.gov)> wrote:

Including reference to tribes is fine. It's an accurate statement and we just forgot to mention it in our draft.

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R8 – any concerns about adding “tribes” into the first question, per Randy Deitz’s edit?

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6. **Could it be eligible for other types of funding through the EPA?**

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~~committed to working in concert with the Colorado Department of Public Health and~~

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Christie,

Jim Woolford is talking with Bill Murray right now about these questions, so please  
hold off on sending them.

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Christie,

We haven't been able to get approvals here in OSRTI (there's a division director's call going on right now). If you need to go forward now, please see comments I have below. I'll keep trying to get approval here.

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I had a few wording changes to this response. Do others have comments?

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OSWER – please review and approve as soon as possible, reporter is on deadline.

Thanks,

Christie

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All- below are draft answers to AP-Dan Elliott questions from R8.

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**From:** StClair, Christie

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**To:** Murray, Bill; Loop, Travis; Stalcup, Dana; Mylott, Richard; Smith, Paula

**Cc:** R8 GKM Leadership Team; Wells, Suzanne; Dreyfus, Melissa G.; Deitz, Randy; Cohen, Nancy; Bassler, Rachel; Grantham, Nancy; Bressler, Lindsey

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Thanks, Bill.

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All,

Shaun McGrath asked me to work with Rich Mylott in the R8 press office to draft responses to these questions which we will share with you all for your input.



Bill Murray, Program Director

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**From:** Loop, Travis

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2015 9:30 AM

**To:** StClair, Christie; Stalcup, Dana

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Checking within OW...

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Looping Travis.

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Seems like we need R8, OW, and maybe OEM to weigh in. I see R8 GKM team on this. I am not aware of OSRTI seeing this proposal. - Dana

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On Oct 27, 2015, at 11:22 AM, StClair, Christie <[StClair.Christie@epa.gov](mailto:StClair.Christie@epa.gov)> wrote:

All: Dan Elliott from the AP is asking about a remediation proposal for the Upper Animas River Basin endorsed by the Silverton Town Council and the San Juan County commissioners. It is called "Upper Animas River Basin Acid Mine Water Remediation Post Gold King Mine Breach: Project Proposal."

His questions:

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Deadline to get him our final response is 2pm Eastern today.

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Christie

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